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In re the Application of:

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COMPOUNDS ACTIVE ON
STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS TARGET
GENES

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, please take the following actions before proceeding with examination. This amendment has been prepared in accordance with the new amendment format in the proposed revision to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the entire section of the application on page 1 under the heading, "RELATED APPLICATIONS" and replace it with the language in Exhibit A.

SEQUENCE LISTING

Submitted herewith is a hard copy of the sequence listing disclosed in this application. The listing contains no new matter. The sequences on the hard copy are identical to those submitted with the priority application Serial No. 08/714,918 filed September 13, 1996.